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E.O. 11652: NGDS

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SUBJECT: ARMED FORCES OF THE NORTH

1. A COMMANDER ASSIGNED TO IEN HQ, STAFF, TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT GEN. BELETE IS ONLY A FIGUREHEAD AT THE 2ND DIVISION. HE SAID THE SERGEANTS ARE STILL IN CONTROL, AND THAT SOME JUNIOR TO MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICERS ARE SUPPORTING THEM, BUT NOT LEADING THE COMMITTEE. HE ADDED THAT GEN. BELETE COULD BE ARRESTED FOR SOME BLEMISHES ON HIS RECORD.

2. THE OFFICER SAID THE IEN'S NORMAL CHAIN OF COMMAND IS EFFECTIVE. HE WAS DISCOURAGED OVER THE MARCH ARRESTS OF IEN OFFICERS, WHOSE MAJOR CRIMES WERE ENFORCING DISCIPLINE.  
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